



**RESPONSE B UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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**In re Application**

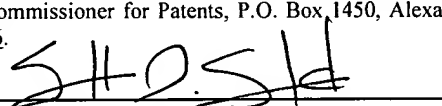
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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

This RESPONSE B is in reply to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005. Submitted herewith are an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond, a Request for Continued Examination, together with the appropriate fees. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.